

News Release



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Storm Leads to Precautionary State Park Closures

SACRAMENTO – Due to high winds and high surf conditions along the coast, California State Parks has closed 17 parks today as a precaution to insure visitor safety.

There is a risk of falling trees and branches, and mudslides inland, as well as high waves and strong currents on the coast. Waves along the surf line can catch people off guard and wash them out to sea. The forested parks are being closed due to high winds that tend to break off large branches or topple large trees, which can land on vehicles or pedestrians causing serious injuries or death. The closures will remain in effect at least until tomorrow morning, perhaps longer, if necessary.

For your safety, please heed all advisories and warnings by your local emergency services.

Updates will be posted in the State Parks Newsroom: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=712

Due to severe weather conditions, the following parks are closed:

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Mount Diablo State Park

MARIN DISTRICT

Mount Tamalpais State Park (upper portion)

MONTEREY COUNTY

Andrew Molera State Park

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

Point Lobos State Reserve

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Governor's Mansion State Historic Park (power failure)

SAN MATEO COUNTY

Portola Redwoods State Park

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Hearst Castle

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Big Basin Redwoods State Park

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

Lighthouse Field State Beach

Natural Bridges State Beach

New Brighton State Beach

Seacliff State Beach

Sunset State Beach

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Gaviota State Park – boat ramp

SOLANO COUNTY

Benicia State Recreation Area

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California State Parks on the Internet: <http://www.parks.ca.gov>

